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Introduced by Senator Morrell

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 65580 of the Government Code, relating to land use.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 764, as introduced, Morrell. Land use: housing.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires each city, county, and city and county to prepare and adopt a general plan that contains certain mandatory elements, including, but not limited to, a housing element that analyzes existing and projected housing needs. Existing law includes various legislative findings and declarations related to the statewide importance of housing availability and the responsibility of local government to address regional housing needs.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 65580 of the Government Code is 2 amended to read:
 - 65580. The Legislature finds and declares as follows:
- 4 (a) The availability of housing is of vital statewide importance,
- 5 and the importance. The early attainment of decent housing and a
- 6 suitable living environment for every Californian, including
- 7 farmworkers, is a priority of the highest order.
- 8 (b) The early attainment of this goal requires the cooperative
- participation of government and the private sector in an effort to

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expand housing opportunities and accommodate the housing needs of Californians of all economic levels.

- (c) The provision of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income households requires the cooperation of all levels of government.
- (d) Local and state governments have a responsibility to use the powers vested in them to facilitate the improvement and development of housing to make adequate provision for the housing needs of all economic segments of the community.
- 10 (e) The Legislature recognizes that in carrying out this responsibility, each local government also has the responsibility to consider economic, environmental, and fiscal factors and community goals set forth in-the *its* general plan and to cooperate with other local governments and the state in addressing regional housing needs.